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FOR: BASE PAN AND CABINET FOR AN  
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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Applicant's are in receipt of an Office Action mailed  
05/21/2004 in the above-referenced U.S. patent application. Filed with  
this Response is a separate Petition to extend the shortened statutory  
period for response established in that Office Action by three months as  
well as authorization to charge applicant's Deposit Account 20-1434 the  
requisite fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 for a reply within the third month  
after the shortened statutory period.

In the Office Action mailed 05/21/2004, the Examiner rejected claims 28-35 and indicated that claims 36 and 37 are objected to as depending from rejected base claims. Claims 26 and 27 remain in the application but have been withdrawn from consideration as a result of a restriction requirement.

It is requested that the claim amendments indicated in the following Claim Listing be entered: